Legal opinion on Marketing~A)anagers of STC

146. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARI-BHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases pending with the Government received from Commerce Ministry and Chairman STC for legal opinion against Marketing Managers of STC during last three years, year-wise;

(b) the reasons for inordinate delay in giving legal advice to the Commerce Ministry and Chairman of STC;

(c) whether in some cases Solicitor General of India has advised Law Ministry for prosecution of Marketing Managers of STC, if so, the details; and

(d) the reasons for not initiating action on the advice of Solicitor-General?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Investment in innovative technological solutions

147. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Telecommunications Grant Landis and Gyr have joined hands with VXL India Ltd. providing technology transfer and investment in the field of innovative technological solutions for the metering monitoring and control of electricity, water, gas and distribution system;

(b) if so, the details; and

(c) what is the progress so far about the above items of public consumption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) M/s. VXL Landis & Gyr. Ltd., New Delhi, have been granted Foreign Collaboration approval with M/s. Landis & Gyr (Europe) Corpn. Switzerland, to carry on the business of manufacture, calibration, assembly, sale and service of House Service and specialized KWH Meters and Electronic Tariff Registers and Meter Test Consoles, Relays and Control Panels.

Implementation details of foreign investment projects are not centrally maintained.

Check on import of banned pesticides

148. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested to stop import of banned pesticides which directly affect brain and nervous system resulting in deaths; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith action taken on these requests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) Ministry of Commerce have not received any request from the concerned Administrative Ministry or any other source to stop import of such pesticides.

Stagnant Export Growth

149. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether country's exports have remained stagnant during the last one year and so far during the current year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken proposed to be taken to boost exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. India's export have been steadily increasing in recent years including the current year. India's export performance